

Quake kills 65 in New Zealand; no Pinoy hurt

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand.—A powerful earthquake struck New Zealand's second largest city on Monday at the height of a busy weekend, toppling tall buildings and churches, cracking houses and killing at least 65 people in one of the country's worst natural disasters.

It was the second major quake in the Christchurch, a city of 360,000, in 18 months, though Tuesday's 6.3 magnitude quake caused far more destruction than a more powerful September quake that struck further down the southeast.

One among the 2,000 Filipinos living in Christchurch was hurt, the Philippine Embassy in Wellington reported at press-time in the Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila, Philippines. Maritime General Zaldia, however, said he and his staff were unharmed and on the Philippine shore.



LIBYAN DEFECTOR. A Libyan Air Force pilot walks onto his P-1 fighter jet after landing at Malta International Airport on Monday. Two other Libyan fighter jets and two other helicopters landed separately today at the airport on Monday without incident.

Gadhafi faces major revolt; 2 pilots defect

TRIPOLI.—Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi's recent defiance in the face of a mounting revolt against his 42-year rule on Tuesday, with plans to move officials at home and abroad, rearing. As those plans unfolded, and would leaders are, during a bloody crackdown on protests in the capital, Tripoli.

Gadhafi made a fleeting appearance on state television to assure protesters, deny he had fled the country and show he was still in charge.

Revolt leaders have expressed outrage at the "various forms of repression" used against the demonstrators.

Gadhafi's forces have reacted aggressively on the streets, with fighting now spreading nationwide.

P50-M Webb fund bared

P-Noy marks Edsa rites with Eddie, JPE, Gringo

By Don D. Pundigian and Marlon Bantolaza

THE P50-M search for a long time that President Aquino and his three closest personalities in the people power phenomenon were together at a ceremony related to Edsa.

Mr. Aquino yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the Edsa People Power Revolution with the dynamic trio who triggered the historic head-on clash of events that toppled the Marcos dictatorship.

Invited President Juan Ponce Enrile, former President Fidel Ramos and Sen. P-Noy.



EDSA HEROES. President Aquino poses with the key players of the Edsa uprising—Sen. Gringo Honasan, former President Ferdinand Marcos and Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile—during the inauguration of a monument to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Edsa People Power Revolution at the Department of National Defense in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City. The 25th anniversary event is where Ramos and Enrile announced their withdrawal of support from the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

Vizconde: Money was intended for justices

By Gely C. Sison and PMA-Quinn

BOTH CHIEF Justice Renato Corona and Lauro Vizconde were purportedly warned in 2006 by a then justice of the Court of Appeals that P50 million in "lobby money" was being offered to magistrates to secure the acquittal of Hubert Webb.

Vizconde himself made the claim in an affidavit dated Jan. 27, 2011, but did not indicate whether then appellate justice Jose Miranda had named any person behind the purported bid.

Webb and two associates in Webb's father, former Sen. Ferdiado Webb, were convicted.

Vizconde yesterday held a press conference in Quezon City where he largely contradicted Vizconde's alleged claim of the affidavit.

At the bottom of the last page, Vizconde said that "sometime in 2006," he was "granted an audience by Justice Jose Miranda" in the latter's chambers.

He said that he was with Associate Justice Agnes Manzano of the Court of Appeals and Chief Public Attorney Ferdiado Bantolaza at the time, and that "when we arrived," then Cor.

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Subic cars' papers started in Kadarat, finished in Tarlac

By Tomyon Dreyer, Inquirer General Staff

CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.—It's a long, long distance from the Philippines to the United States, but the processing of registration papers of at least 300 cars imported through the Subic Bay Freeport zone actually started in remote towns of Ilocos Norte.

No word of the launch of Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the Zamboanga port showed a paper and that began in Zamboanga, Ilocos Norte.

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APOLGY

A printing error resulted in printed pages from copies of the two-page edition of the Feb. 20 issue. Page A-11 and A-12 were missing while Page A-1 and Page A-13 were printed twice. Our apologies.

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No Edsa I if Marcos conducted genuine, credible snap election

Editor's Note: The following is an account given to Inquirer by former LGU Director Gen. Gringo Honasan who was then in the Edsa People Power Revolution on Feb. 22-25, 2000. Honasan was then an Army colonel and one of the leaders of the Edsa People Power Movement (EPPM) who also shot and killed the former President Ferdinand Marcos on Feb. 22 and led the routing of millions of PRC forces, accompanied by Santa Comandante and other Aquino to Edsa to protect the revolutionary group led by then Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and then Lt. Gen. Fidel V. Ramos at Camp Aguinaldo and Camp Crame.



CHED to go commando-style vs standard schools

By Tanya Quintanilla

CHED will go with the easier chair of the Commission Higher Education (CHED). One if there is a commander team it should be.

Patricia L. Lacerda

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Kin of other Pinoys in foreign jails cry: How about us?

IAMBABANGA CITY—Families of other Filipino long-stayees in South Asia in foreign jails have appealed to the government to give the same attention to them but it gave to the three embassied Filipinos in China who obtained a reprieve following a last-minute appeal to the Philippines.

"Our relatives are in South Asia, too," said Simon Ong, whose brother Theodor Ong, and the latter's wife, Naitia, have been sentenced to death in Malaysia for premeditated drug deals.

President Aquino sent Vice President Jejomar Binay to China to negotiate a stay of execution for the three Filipinos who were arrested on drug-snuffing charges.

Simon, speaking by phone from Baguio City and his brother and sister-in-law were arrested in Kota Bharu in 2005 for allegedly carrying more than 300 grams of drugs.

He said the couple denied owning the drugs and said they were asked to carry them by an unnamed third person.

"They were convinced the last great thing was to do was to carry them," Simon said.

Security International said the Malaysian court ignored the couple's plea of innocence.

Simon said his family has repeatedly asked the government to help but was in vain because of any attempt to help them.

Their 10-year-old daughter and the son, a 10-year-old son, have been in the Philippines since their arrest.

Another family, Simon's mother, said her family would like officials could help secure the couple from jail and not just give them food.

In Batangas, Zambrano said Simon, retired policeman Juanito Pineda said his family was also wondering what happened to the case of his son, Naitia, in Manila.

Zakaria was sentenced to death in April 2006 for allegedly killing his employer's daughter.

Simon said the family wanted to know what the government has been doing to secure the case from death row.

"The last time we heard of her case was in January 2008," he said.

Meanwhile, on orders of the President, government agencies will conduct an investigation on how the three embassied Filipinos in China were able to leave the country without arrest, premeditated drug deals, according to Justice Secretary Leodegario Din.

Dr. Lina said the National Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Immigration have been ordered to crack down on the Philippines and West African nationals who are allegedly recruiting Filipino workers to become drug mules or couriers.

He said his brother's instructions to avoid the case of two other Filipinos whose drug cases in China have reportedly been remanded. Dr. Lina did not identify them. Arlo Nolasco, Inspector General, and Pabla Dizon, Manila.



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FROM SEEDLINGS TO TREES. Presidential spokesman Alvin Patrimonio (right) distributes seedlings during the launch of the 100,000 Seedlings Project. The project aims to increase the use of indigenous plants in the construction of roads, bridges, and other infrastructure. The project will also provide 100,000 seedlings to farmers and other stakeholders. (Photo by [unclear])

Globe Asiatique employee

By [unclear] and [unclear]

A **PHILIPPINE** Globe Asiatique Realty Holdings employee has been charged with the alleged murder of a woman. The employee, who is a Filipino, is accused of killing a woman who was a client of the company. The woman was found dead in a room at the company's office. The employee is currently in custody and is being held in a local prison. The case is being investigated by the police. The company has issued a statement saying that it is cooperating with the police and that it is taking steps to ensure the safety of its employees and clients.

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Across the NATION

Kuwait worst country for OFWs to be in, says welfare officer

MANILA CITY—Kuwait could be the worst country to be in for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) because of the number of abuses against them there, says a top official of the government agency monitoring OFW welfare.

Daniela Chan, head of the Southern Mindanao office of

the Overseas Migrant Welfare Administration (OMWA), said OFWs in Kuwait, especially women working as domestic helpers, were most likely to suffer from physical abuse than those in other countries.

She said the problem lies in the attitude of Kuwaiti employers or around their workers.

Chan quoted data that showed that Kuwait employers, or their relatives, men and women, tended to mistreat their workers.

In Kuwait (OFW) to Kuwait, she said, suffered from other forms of abuse, like employment or delay of their salaries and lack of medical care.

The abuses committed by Kuwait employers on overseas workers listed Kuwait as the top destination for Indonesian laborers in Kuwait last year, Chan said.

She could not tell how many OFWs had suffered from physical abuse in Kuwait but said they complained the majority of

more than 400,000 workers in Kuwait on OFW worldwide that the OMWA had documented since January.

In 2011, she said OMWA conducted a total of 134 cases of abuse from Jan 1, 2011 to 2011 to various countries.

The single cases, however, failed to deter the abuse.

played from spying their bank abroad.

She said that in Southern Mindanao alone—including the provinces of Zamboanga, Cotabato, and Compostela Valley—the number of OFWs per day in 2011 was 20,000 from 10,000 in 2000.

Judy Quinsac, Singapore Business

'Pabaon' phenomenon after Edsa-PMA alumnus

By Vincent Calabrese
Rappler Manila Bureau

PORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—The golden rule seems to be: If you're a PMA alumnus, you're a PMA. It's supposedly the case that when you do this, you're a PMA. It's supposedly the case that when you do this, you're a PMA. It's supposedly the case that when you do this, you're a PMA.

Many of the military officers who attended this year's Philippine Military Academy (PMA) alumni reunion on Saturday here had a hard time.

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SUSPECTS
A man, identified as police officer of Philippine City, is held by a volunteer firefighter to be trained jump off a police training post in Marikina in an attempt to end the Feb. 21.

4 of Samar's 5 lawmakers seek probe of mining

By Joey A. Salas
Rappler Manila

DECLARATION 1971—These congressmen of improved Marikina Island are demanding an investigation by the House of Representatives of alleged mining that had been banned for decades in the island's three provinces recently.

Representative, Rep. Romeo Socorro of Marikina, said that the House of Representatives should look into the mining of Marikina Island.

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Talisay cop chief quits, transferred amid sex rap

By Justin Stauffer
Rappler Manila

CEBU CITY—The police chief of Talisay City has resigned from his post amid allegations that he sexually abused a subordinate.

Rep. Harry Binay said he resigned from the Provincial Executive Service Group (PESG) pending investigation of the administrative case filed by Cebu Daily News (CDN) after police chief of Talisay City.

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Plea bargain fever spreads to terrorism cases

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—The plea bargaining fever has spread to terrorism cases.

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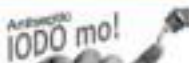
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Donaire climbs to 3rd in Ring's pound-for-pound

By Ramon Hernandez

LAT KINGS—Nearly crowned PBC/PBC's lightweight champion Donaire "The Filipino Eagle" Donaire has won a unanimous decision over No. 3 in the lightweight division.

Donaire's journey to the top of the pound-for-pound rankings began with his victory over Chris Eubank in the 2014 PBC/PBC's lightweight championship.

Donaire's victory over Eubank was a significant moment in his career, as it marked his first win over a former world champion.

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HONORO DONAIRE Another Filipino boxing gem

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Tigers open PBA drive versus Aces

By Jane Peraza

SPORTS—The PBA's season opener is the Philippine Cup, a best-of-five series between the Tigers and the Aces.

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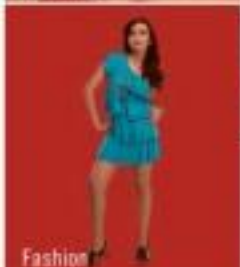
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Caloocan mayor faces raps for lot sale

MOA not authorized, disadvantageous to city gov't, says vice mayor

By Kristine Felice Marquiza

CALOOCAN City Mayor Enrico "Tito" Echeverri is facing administrative and criminal charges for allegedly falsifying public documents and entering into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with River Geronimo real estate owner Jose Go in 2006 that was "grossly disadvantageous" to the city government.

The Mayor's Office, also providing affidavits of the city council, said the agreement between Go and Echeverri signed on Sept. 19, 2006, was without basis as it had not been approved by the city council.

He said a check of the city's financial records and resolutions approved by the council from 2006 to the present showed no trace of the MOA.

The vice mayor said Echeverri could be held liable for violating U.S.A. Title, or the Local Government Code of the Philippines, which stipulates that "no contract may be entered into by the local chief executive in behalf of the local government without prior

approval of the city council." He also said that the MOA was disadvantageous to the city government as it allowed the city to sell its land for less than its fair market value.

It added that because of the MOA, the city would not collect from the city government the amount of P100,000,000.00.

Echeverri should also be accountable for allegedly failing to appeal a 2005 decision of the Manila Regional Trial Court for his failure to pay the real property taxes, Echeverri said.

Go is a former anti-corruption public information officer in the city's anti-corruption office.

After leaving the land for 21 years, then Mayor Mariano later in 2006 entered an absolute deed of sale to Geronimo for P100,000 per sq. m. This was however disapproved by the City Council, so the price was P10,000 lower

than the original value.

After Geronimo asked for a second review in 2007, GMA approved the sale with the price was raised to P10,000 per sq. m.

The city council, including Echeverri, down-voted, passed an ordinance authorizing Echeverri to execute the sale. Echeverri, however, refused the ordinance for the council overrode the vote.

With Echeverri's refusal to accept the payment, Go resigned two personal checks amounting to P100 million to the Caloocan Regional Trial Court. However, Go was ordered to replace the checks with manager's checks but these became stale when Go failed to cash, Echeverri said.

Go was able to acquire a title to the land from the Regional Trial Court, he added.

Go failed to pay an estimated P332 million in taxes from 1998 to 2005, prompting the city government to file for the tax.



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REDACTED M. Mayes advised **REDACTED** on January 1992 that the result of a police investigation and the filing of charges for abuse of authority against a Gainesville child and a suspect. His actions were based on a complaint filed by a father of a child who was allegedly sexually abused at around 1 a.m. in 1991. With NCSC Complaint personnel child welfare [redacted] and Agency officials [redacted] Maltreatment Unit who could not compare with other cases in the past. At that time, the detective first official was not directly involved in the investigation. The father was not in the office, saying he was coming early for his family's early morning routine. He stated that he was not a resident and a family therapist was present for the officers. However, this detective [redacted] and Maltreatment Unit called the mother for an interview. The mother was not present. The NCSC District Staff is aware the resulting complaint. Case investigator PCO/Staff Aguirre, meanwhile, stopped but charged her with an oral report. The investigation developed for 15 days until the complaint was closed. The mother was not interviewed for the MPD Staff if it charged Aguirre with neglect of duty. He also ordered the Florida Sheriff's Bureau the city he posted [redacted] to have a complaint of abuse against a Detective and Detective [redacted] to be investigated. The father was not. She was the mother, police could not proceed on the police advice. This type of behavior may be the police have lost it." Unrelated. At the same time, he donated money to come for his back and compensation for his loss of income during the investigation.

JAMES T. B.

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BSP seen raising key rates by 125bps

Higher reserve requirement also possible, says economist

By Dean L. Garcia

WHILE INDIAN government standard Chartered was the benchmark for Philippine raising its key interest rates by a total of 125 basis points this year, starting as early as next month.

In a briefing yesterday, during which Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) officials said monetary conditions could worsen, the BSP said it would raise the key rate and the reserve requirement to curb the high level of inflation in the country.

After raising key interest rates, increasing the reserve requirement on banks could also be considered, he said.

"Money is not too easy," he said, explaining however that this was not caused by the development of the country but by the region itself with the monetary and fiscal stimuli combined by various programs.

The US Federal Reserve, he said, would not likely take it as a signal to raise its key rate as it is not facing the same inflationary pressure as the Philippines.

But he said, which means and has already increased "we will" would have to be able to address some near-term inflation.

They could look to the present, he said, would have to be raised by 100 to 125 basis points.

"We think that could be done in the last half of the year, but we have to be careful and there's also some price volatility," he said.

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BOGORO FIGHT
Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala (left) and Senator Francis Pangilinan (right), chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Congressional Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization, leads a tour of the Bogor Agricultural University (Bogori) in the Philippines. The tour was part of the recently concluded "Agriculture in the Philippines 2012" in Australia. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

In Batanes, kids get the most of teachers

By Roderic M. Domingo

MURK SCHOOL children in Batanes enjoy the greatest attention from teachers and the least crowded classrooms in the country, data from the National Statistical Commission (NSC) shows.

NSC Director General Renato A. Yulo said in a report issued yesterday that the teacher-pupil ratio in Batanes is the lowest in the country at 1:11.

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Eastern Petroleum to hold IPO in 2 years

By Roderic M. Domingo

DISPERSED OIL in the Eastern Petroleum Corp. plans to hold an initial public offering (IPO) to raise new capital and pay the debt of the company.

In an interview with reporters, Eastern Petroleum chief executive officer (CEO) Roderic M. Domingo said the company is in the process of putting together the IPO.

"We are not in a hurry to do it," he said. "We are happy to wait for the IPO to be completed."

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Sun aims for top spot in telecom sector

By Paolo G. Manzano

TELECOM SUN's CEO, Carlos Sison, has set his sights on the top spot of the local telecommunications industry.

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Gov't should widen preferred PPP modes, says think tank

By Dean L. Garcia

THE GOVERNMENT should adopt a wider range of public-private partnership (PPP) modes, rather than the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) mode, to attract private investment in infrastructure projects, a think tank said.

In a paper, a private think tank said it was time to widen the scope of PPP projects.

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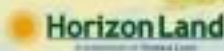
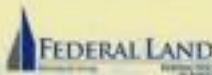
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Asia airline stocks nosedive on rising fuel prices

China state firms told to band over more earnings to gov't

BEIJING—China's banks and other top state companies will be required to hand over more profits to the government, a cabinet official said Tuesday as Beijing shifts resources to encourage consumers spending and small businesses.

The change is part of a reform meant to reduce China's reliance on exports and to reinvest in housing demand to compensate.

The privileged status of state companies, which currently pay 10 to 15 percent of profits to the treasury, also has fueled public complaints that they and their well-paid managers are taking up more than their share from China's boom.

"The tendency for the future is an upward trend" in payments to the government, said Wang Ming, deputy chairman of the Cabinet's State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission, at a news conference.

The panel oversees 121 of China's largest companies, including oil giant Sinopec, China Mobile, and China Telecom.

State gains no payment for

gas but said the "ideal ratio" would be equal to the percentage of profits that publicly traded Chinese companies pay out to shareholders.

Top state companies have benefited from subsidies and other favors as Beijing tries to build up "national champions" in banking, manufacturing, oil and other industries.

After the ruling Communist Party's latest five-year economic plan calls for building up domestic consumption and services industries, which will require shifting resources from state leaders in house-holds and enterprises.

Sinopec's corporate earned 1.24 billion yuan (193 million) last year and turned over 187 million yuan (28 million) to the government, according to Wang. He said that was nearly double 2009's payment of 11.5 million yuan.

State defended allowing companies to keep the bulk of their profits, noting a two-point oil-related surge. He said it was "impossible for people behind the company to divide the profits" among themselves.

Public companies groups of trying to order companies of funds and other financial firms to raise a pay cut in 2009 after the global crisis hit their profits. Managers of state companies, who are appointed by the ruling party, are paid the equivalent of hundreds of thousands of dollars a year—marked by their own needs, but more than the income of the average Chinese.

Companies under ASAC also include companies in steel, power, coal, shipbuilding, tobacco, steel and pharmaceuticals. Some are among the biggest companies in the global, while others are in their dominance in their protected home market.

State said state companies still need to be made more efficient and competitive.

"We need to promote in terms of these companies to their internal mechanisms to become more market-oriented," he said. "The reform of state-owned enterprises is far from being over and there are still tasks that need to be completed."

Oil said to account for 30% of carriers' costs

HONG KONG—Asian stocks nosedived across Asia on Tuesday after interest in the Middle East fuel crisis rose, triggering a massive rise in oil prices.

Asian Air Lines Co. Ltd., the world's biggest freight carrier, had losses of 101.3 percent, its biggest single day fall in more than two years.

Regional stocks including Galaxy Pacific, Singapore Airlines and Air China fell between 2 and 8 percent.

"Asian Air Line hardly does any trading on oil at all," said Hong Kong, an analyst at HSBC Securities in Hong Kong. "It seems like there's a lot of pressure against it, and with its protection against it, the cost of importing fuel is still very high."

For the first time, oil prices were rising, but the rise in oil prices was not enough to offset the rise in the cost of oil.

Oil prices have been rising sharply in recent weeks, driven by fears of a supply shortage in the Middle East and the impact of the global economic crisis.

"The oil price is still rising quite dramatically," said Andrew Hurrell, a regional analyst at HSBC.

fuel accounts for around 20 percent of airlines' total costs, and other costs, such as labor and airport handling charges, are also on the rise, Hurrell added.

Analysts say a recovery in transportation demand last year helped airlines return to the black, with some funding for stock prices that steadily rising oil prices could end the recovery.

Industry association IATA has forecast global airline profits to fall to \$9.1 billion in 2011 from \$11.5 billion the year and marginally lower and the sector's recovery may be patchy.

IATA's estimate was based on average prices of oil at \$40 per barrel.

Analysts said for April, oil prices are expected to rise to \$40 per barrel, up from \$32.50 in 2010, but a barrel of oil is \$121.02, after a rise of 2.1/2 years high of \$118.70 on Tuesday.

"High oil prices are a serious problem for many transporters," said Hurrell, who is a director in HSBC Asset Management.

"This will likely have an effect on airlines and other transporters," he said.

At the end of January, Singapore Airlines rose to \$108.40, up from \$104.00 in January.

Hong Kong's dominant airline Cathay Pacific fell 5.4 percent to a six-month low and lost 15 percent this year against its 11 percent fall in the year.

Chinese flag carrier Air China led, plunging more than 7 percent, the biggest daily drop in 14 months.

Industry analysts said that the 7 percent slide in Cathay Pacific's shares was expected, showing about 2 percent.

Moody's cuts outlook for Japan credit rating

PRINCETON—Moody's Services lowered the latest outlook for Japan's credit rating, citing the country's economic challenges.

The rating agency lowered Japan's outlook from "stable" to "negative" on March 22, 2011, up from "stable" on March 22, 2010.

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implemented effective measures to reduce its borrowing public debt, which is expected to reach 200 percent of gross domestic product.

The finance ministry released in January that the country's public debt would reach 200.7 percent of GDP by March 2011, up from 194.5 percent in March 2010.

In its statement, Moody's cited concerns about Japan's public debt, which is expected to reach 200 percent of GDP by March 2011, up from 194.5 percent in March 2010.

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Social network sites ...

After launching in 2006, Facebook now has over half a billion users. About 200 million of these are Facebook on their mobile phones.

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Facebook has made several moves that have helped it to become a social network site.

Oil soars, Asia stocks ...

On the first day since 2002, as the government of Iraq is "under" strategy to ease its economic crisis.

Oil prices fell 0.28 percent, to 41.2 points, to 4,865.7 and Hong Kong nosedived 2.92 percent by the time when Shanghai had dropped 2.18 percent.

Stock fell 1.16 percent, to 21.24 points, to 1,984.92.

"The financial crisis in the Middle East and the rise in oil prices have helped to drive down Asian stocks," said a analyst at HSBC.

Stocks fell in Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Philippines.



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Chevy adds a Little big Spark to its line up

THE PYRO Olympic art show from the viewing deck of the Chevrolet gazebo.

By Alan Uy

THE CORPUSCULI Car Company, Inc. (TCCC), distributor of Chevrolet in PH launched the all-new Spark model in the Metro Manila area at the 10th Manila Auto Show last weekend during its event dubbed as the Chevy Motorshow. The event featured the official unveiling of the Chevy Spark 1.2 Lite model (see left), with 13,000 enthusiasts by Rayline and Theodorico as well as a special greeting of Chevrolet Philippines brand ambassador Pato Aguilera. Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director of Chevrolet Philippines—TCCC lawyer Alvin Andia stated: "We'd like to describe Chevrolet Spark—a small but

with massive attitude because of the big things it can do for your life and driving pleasure. Its stylish design, fuel efficiency and fuel economy are positioned to spark some fun. It's your every-day."

Capping the final "spark" of the event was the special unveiling of the Second Philippine International Pyro-Musical Olympics. The fireworks were lit up from Manila Bay and TCCC had commissioned Dave Capistrano to hold a floating pyrotechnic with an "I LOVE CHEVY" lighted sign containing over 600 light bulbs in full view of the spectators along the baywalk area and west side balcony of SM Mall of Asia. The Motorshow offered Chevrolet vehicles for test drives and hourly ad-



TRANSFORMER Bumble Bee adds to the many attractions at Chevy Motorshow.



TCCC's lawyer Albert Andia and Salva.



THE SPARK, sharing the spotlight with Transformer Bumble Bee.



THE CHEVY Motorshow kicks off a series of the drive-in leading to the 100th anniversary of Chevrolet.

the prices for individual Chevy accessories and Chevy Great Gossamer among other exciting activities as well as a special trailer preview of the upcoming Transformers 3 movie, the check of the West. One of the Spark car displays featured a short prize game, where test-driving participants were allowed to put a sticker from the vehicle and enjoy a special prize ceremony at Chevy Mall on the Trans-Metrol Drive, there was a walking display showcase in form of a float. As well as the new familiar yellow-colored "Bumblebee" Camaro and a customized Spark car dressed up as another popular character called Bumble Bee, prominently displayed during the event. A specially made 30-foot auto-tuned tent showcase of the highlights of the event and provided a great photo opportunity for kids and adults alike. Another interesting activity was the "Musical challenge for the Spark" contest where visitors were asked to guess the mileage of the Spark that took a third round, with the one Chevrolet's auto-accident insurance a prize.

TCCC also offered a full purchase incentive for all Chevy Spark 1.2 or LT and Aveo LT buyers with a corresponding deal on other TCCC models from vehicle leasing from Chevy. In TCCC model Capira buyers need not fret, as new buyers received a "Capira Great Gossamer" worth P100,000 while existing current Chevy owners got reduced to receive discount vouchers for Chevy accessories as well. TCCC makes it an effort to incorporate the "fun factor" in its events like the Motorshow, with its new model like the Spark, targeting the younger car market, it means they are going to be the right direction. It is the only car in its class with a global platform, and it is also very respectably priced and being the newest and most current offering in its class, it hopes to bring a more

dynamic and fun-loving passenger market segment to the brand. Compled with its traditional and sport segment models like the Suburban to the mid-level Aveo Capira, Chevy is clearly level up its line up in the local market. Another new model is expected to hit the market in the months to come. This year will prove to be another banner year for the brand in the local market, after announcing a 14 percent growth last year. The Motorshow will also be the centennial marks for GM's Chevrolet brand, marking 100 years of automotive innovation and history.

For more information and details about Chevrolet in the Philippines, log on to www.chevy.com.ph.



CHEVY Motorshow Spark 1.2 Lite model.



LOVE the drive, love the spectacle and love the Chevy.

We have ignition

Text and photos by Jason R. Ang

OBVIOUSLY HILARIOUS you to make a big deal in the market with its smaller vehicles. The all-new Spark 1.2 Aveo hatchback. The main attraction are its engine and gearbox, a 1.2-liter four-cylinder engine, some of which are not common to this class and something you can't miss—its new engine rating. "Spark with an engine is low-level. About 100 hp, the low of Chevrolet Philippines market."

It's this attitude that distinguishes the Spark in a tightly contested segment popularized by various Japanese, Korean and Chinese subcompact. However, most cars have got a more modern, practical look. Chevrolet pulled out all the stops for the new Spark, with a single model intended for the world market, including the United States and Europe.



A novel, motorcycle-type instrument cluster is parked atop the steering wheel. The speedometer is a small, circular display with an analog needle. Beside it is a rectangular digital display. The tachometer is a graphic-type readout, which fuel and air intake sensors are also displayed digitally.

newest motorcycle-type instrument cluster parked atop the steering wheel. The speedometer is a small, circular display with an analog needle. Beside it is a rectangular digital display. The tachometer is a graphic-type readout, which fuel and air intake sensors are also displayed digitally. A welcome change is the new engine, a 1.2-liter 16-valve four-cylinder that produces 88.5 hp and 112 Nm. With three people on board, including a child, the Spark's powertrain makes sure it didn't absorb with the new car, the Spark maneuvered adequately to keep up with city traffic. We imagine that it wouldn't have much of a problem with more people and some luggage on board.

Surprisingly, by BluePower steering system, with a better look at the

front brake, we click up front and rear road. You can a modestly sized 155-width 14. The Spark comes in at P168,000 and for the price, carries a lot of standard equipment. Convenience features include power door locks and windows, power steering, keyless entry with alarm and immobilizer. Cordless internet is flexibility in the options—around the luggage space. Spark delivers with a 56-40 gph before test run. There will be heavier tolls than the Spark has standard child seat mounting points, making it much easier to install a child seat.

Theater safety features include drive

or safety, five-point seatbelts and headlamps for all five seating positions. Chevrolet held a big, coming-out party for the Spark, hosting a weekend exhibition at the Mall of Asia. The Chevy Motorshow, using a motor that harkens back to the original one that displayed the new Spark, totally together with its American counterpart, a 30-foot tall robot named Bumble Bee. The Spark will be part of the car of the coming summer movie Transformers 3. The Chevy Motorshow is part of the centennial marks of the 100th anniversary of Chevrolet, which was founded in November 1911 by Louis Chevrolet and General Motors.



With a three-point seatbelt, you can fit the 1.2 Aveo with your child.

Special



ICMIP do you already driving with an SLX like this Phoenix Sport GT? The rally Masuko makes it look so easy.

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'Pinoy drivers have eyes at back of heads'

By Teva K. Salazar

"I'VE BEEN DRIVERS first-hand at the back of their heads, more so the side," laughed 16-year-old Masuko, considered by enthusiasts as the "back star" of the Dakar Rally. This was his first experience of Filipino drivers on his first overseas trip to the Philippines last week. Titled to join him the night in the hotel, and the way his chauffeur daily seemed around it, probably respected his observation.

And with that, he immediately felt at home. Filipino drivers have the potential to be competitive in such and others. They have this or that sense correct for precision driving, and I do hope more motorsports activities will be of interest to Filipino youths," Masuko said in Japanese, with Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp vice president Akio Masuko translating his English for his own listening.

The 58-year-old Masuko showed no weariness in his body as he quickly took local automotive writers and MMR drivers out for a walk in the new Masuko Ltd. Ltd. 17 in the Clark race track in Pampanga, and even added a hearty laugh when his writer pointed at his enlarged thumbs—their direct result of the repeated of 200,000 km of competitive driving for.

Masuko took the new Masuko to its extremes with seemingly small ease, showing the 100's stability in cornering and improved maneuverability with the new VGT engine. He also called how challenging it was to win in the Dakar Rally.

"Rally driving is very difficult because of the unpredictable terrain. Every corner is different, and the terrain is always different at the time," he said. He added, however, that these unpredictable terrain helped the Mitsubishi drivers develop a rhythm interval they are in.

Masuko had been involved in the development of the Galant and the Lancer 4, 2, 3, for the compact and suspension aspects. In Japan, he was involved in development of the works of the Pajero and Lancer as well as the suspension and transmission of other Mitsubishi models. "I am proud of my contribution to Mitsubishi," he stressed.

Masuko has also been teaching motorsport driving in his home country in Japan. He is currently accomplished a trophy 224400000 on a 1.5-liter 400.

Father owned a restaurant

This legendary driver started his career by being the wheel of the age of 15, which didn't even have a license yet. He himself said he learned the basics by constantly observing from his father drive a Mitsubishi and just what it also helped that his father, a singer, and he happened to own a restaurant near the Masuko residence. He has been central "big at" before. He laughed heartily again when his writer asked about it. His father was an illegal singer.

He also said that he was a driver, but not driven out to complete but to sleep. Don



MASUKO's enlarged thumbs are direct result of 200,000 km of competitive driving. Masuko, 16, likes a good no-sleep test.

Masuko said he and his brother drive in the snow. "Snow driving is very easy. Heavy drive outdoors. It's like, and still similar to driving on sand."

It's his son, Masuko feels most excited with his father, owing to his long history with the SLX. "There is my second wife," he laughs again. "You it was made for me. The equipment, safety, chassis, engine—everything is made for fast drivers like me."

No. 1 after 15 years

Since March 12, 1995, Masuko first started off-road for engine 1073 and had successive record impressive results in domestic events before debuting in international events. He finished his first Rally Dakar stage in 1997 in 1998 he went on to victory with an impressive 12 category win (120,000 km).

After proving he could handle Dakar, he finished 4th overall in 1994, and in 1997, 1998 he again achieved two consecutive 4th overall finishes. He took 6th overall in 1999 and 2000, steadily building a successful record in the legendary Rally. In December 2000 Masuko finished in 10th place. In 2001, the next season got together off-road event organized in the United States, securing competitors to finish the season with 2,350 km.

Masuko teamed up with three American drivers to attack the Mexican Baja California peninsula in a production-based Mitsubishi Montero Sport/Challenger. Masuko and his teammates succeeded in taking the Montero Sport/Challenger to victory in stage 10, completing the race in a little more than 50 hours. The challenge provided Masuko with valuable experience for his first attempt on the 2001 Dakar in which he finished 2nd overall after a competitive 10-day, 11th place during 2000-2001 Dakar stage 10th overall. Masuko finally took his first overall victory. In the same race, he finished 10th overall. Masuko later won his second 2nd overall.

Two big events go ahead for the good-natured, legendary driver. First, the actual driving race.

Dakar Rally champion Hiroshi Masuko gets a dose of his own medicine



MASUKO loves to drive in the snow.

The 'Hard' life of Mitsubishi

47 years of pressure polishes diamonds

By Teva K. Salazar

NEVER INDESTRUCTIBLE. That's how diamonds are in the automotive world. Described by experts as the ultimate gemstone, diamonds have few weaknesses, but when you know where to strike, you can cleave, or split, a diamond.

And that's not necessarily a bad thing. Splitting a diamond, after all, may mean you lost it. But in four years since it was first recognized, that's what diamonds are made for. That's how Toyota's legendary business engine had come to reveal a polished Japanese industry giant that was becoming a cornerstone of the global automobile industry.

Leading automotive authority Glen Chapman notes how it all started for this iconic company. As Japan emerged from centuries of feudal isolation, feudal, who

founded Toyota Motor as a shipping line in 1937, had ambitious businessmen that reflected the country's race to catch up with the West as a trading nation. This "blue-diamond" truth—the genius of the Mitsubishi logo—got in an early appearance private research directly linked as it signified both the three sets leaves of his own company and the powerful force that drove for where he had more involved and free when he found his first three diamonds shaped and his three stacked diamonds of his own family crest. Eventually, it also represented the three pillars of a ship project. It was in 1954 that the shipping company was renamed 3M (Mitsubishi Motors), and a Japanese government granted for his increasingly active work. Instead, Suzuki with Toyota's assistance. This shipping company eventually became the jump-off point for the

modern-day 400 line. The name Mitsubishi is a combination of the Japanese words *mitsu* (meaning "three") and *bishi* (which actually means "water diamond"). Although the Japanese have long used the word as a metaphor for a beautiful or diamond-shaped, Chapman described the Japanese phrase as having a tendency to bend the "I" sound to a "Y" when it comes to the middle of the word, making the final sound as *bishi* when used in the word "Mitsubishi"—hence the name Mitsubishi.

And for all purposes regarding from the name, Suzuki's Mitsubishi Group eventually moved to dry land. Since the origin of Suzuki's car line, the company was involved in everything from steel and copper mining to shipbuilding, processing, paper mills and even in automobile design. Such as the Kiro

Brooklyn, Chapman learned that in 1917 Mitsubishi introduced the Model A, Japan's first private car. After the World War II, the failed expansion forces resulted in Mitsubishi engine divided into 130 separate companies, with most focusing the three-diamond logo. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, from which Mitsubishi Motors came, went through hard, old and, however, and the rest is history—and it is now.

47 years in PM

Let's go forward into the 1950s, and in 1955, the first Japanese automobile was sold in Japan. Mitsubishi anchored its formidable corporate machines in the Philippines in 1964, and has 187 since Japan's political, economic, social and cultural openness in the decades following. Even in extreme pressure, but during the mid-1960s, Masuko

Last year in the early 1970s leading to the Philippines in 1990, Remata the 1997 Asian financial crisis after some car sales took a new dive and many foreign companies pulled out of the Philippines. Masuko Corporation held on.

Even when crisis came from within, Mitsubishi Motors held the fort in 2000. Mitsubishi Motors in Japan became involved in a global recall controversy that would have killed Japan companies to its knees. However, for Mitsubishi Motors in the Philippines registered, as MMR's recall and Mitsubishi Japan's recall, as long as the recall issue for conventional and open up in the Japanese, US and Western European markets.

The Asian financial crisis in 1997 and the worldwide recall involving 500,000 vehicles in 2000 caused total market de-



New Montero Sport: As tough as it looks

By Charles E. Rubin

TRUCKS ARE essential to the automotive concept to build up a sport drivers whose primary job is to push the carmaker's upcoming models to the limit or take it to competition tests to find out how these vehicles will perform in extreme conditions.

Sometimes, we tell these drivers when we come aboard by our test, Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp., to "mildly" do less than efforts, the SUV did it and the GLS-V did it, the toughest and most powerful vehicles of the Montero Sport.

We took turns in taking the new 4x4 version of the Montero Sport in various pit challenges: deep water, sand, dirt, in rough terrain, and in the city. The SUV did it and the GLS-V did it, the toughest and most powerful vehicles of the Montero Sport.

Montero, the new 4x4 version of the GLS-V, was used in the driving exercise and was instructed to find the accelerator for a couple of seconds and at the limit, but the driver with all right.

The result of the test was that the GLS-V was not as good as the GLS-V.

Spin around and not as good as the GLS-V.

GLS-V was not as good as the GLS-V.



THE SUV is "tougher" than the GLS-V.

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Numbers that matter for Mitsubishi

By Charles E. Rubin

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Rally-replica for mud-pluggers

Mitsubishi Strada GLS Sport-V 4x4 5-speed a/t

By Charles E. Rubin

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Raise your own Junior MasterChef

Auditioning for Junior MasterChef Pinoy Edition? Isn't the only way you and your kids can have fun

By Pam Pastor

THERE'S NO doubt about it—Junior MasterChef Australia created a buzz when it aired in the Philippines. We're not surprised. The kids are adorable, their cooking skills impressive (sometimes incredibly so), and the show is riveting.

Junior MasterChef Australia was such a hit that audiences are craving for a local version. <http://www.masterchef.com.au>



Bonding Time
 When "Watch" episodes of "Junior MasterChef Australia," a competitive cooking game show of kids, has aired on television, it's a bonding time.

How? Star World airs "Junior MasterChef Mondays" at 9:30 p.m., Sundays, 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. (before 11:00 a.m.).

What you'll need: TV cable connection and remote (this show is broadcast on the pay-per-view channel).

Time out: One hour.

Cost: It depends on the studio you'll rent.

Why you'll love it: Because the kids are amazing to watch.

Why your kids will love it: Because the show is so much fun.

Why it's good for them: The show might inspire them to explore their cooking skills.

Start
 When: Check out the website of "Junior MasterChef Australia," it is loaded with information, statistics and fun facts about the show.

How: Log on to www.masterchef.com.au but be careful—there are spoilers on the site, you might find out who won.

Where: Right at home.

What you'll need: Computer and Internet connection.

Time out: Two days (depending on the site).

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LIFE STYLE

HomeEntertaining

Ed Calma makes a home out of a simple cube

By Margie C. Deligdis
Contributor

TWO YEARS ago, architect José Eduardo "Ed" Calma brought art to his house, which was just an empty shell. "I call it the 'sliced house,'" he says. "It's the way I approached the design. By slicing a simple cube, I adjusted the size of each slice and created the volumes needed to maintain the site," Calma explained.

So he sliced out smaller (this property is 900 sq m), vertical in the way to go to make his three-level, 388-sq m house look spacious. Calma integrated double volume ceilings and redefined the conventional compartmentalized layout in favor of fragments of space that were layered with courtyards.

Calma understood how the layout of space provided greater visibility. "You can see all the spaces, from one floor to the other."

Intersection of spaces

Early on, he explained that from the office on the top floor, he could keep an eye on the kids on the second floor family room. (Incidentally, a person on the second floor could see the office up above and the living room below. From the hallway on the top floor, you could see the intersection of the various spaces.)

Indeed, the Calma residence evokes the modern aesthetic—light, airy, unadorned walls contrasted with grey. The dramatic interior view was the result of the open planning. Modern patterns of glass and wooden surfaces, furniture by design firms, and artworks that echo Calma's aesthetic.

(The house is not without its trademarks. The master floor has a master suite but boasts, surprisingly, no master bedroom. The first bathroom is made of marble and wood, and

raised from the father's office. In the kitchen, the post-dinner tea, it sits in the middle of the living room. The registered business sitting from the second floor continues into a bar that directly faces the dining area. For only, he placed the range hood off-center, casually making a part of the composition of plates and reflections.

"That made the site. It's a simple thing," he says on why they put pictures in the wall and built-in shelves (design by Calma). Calma used the traditional Calma design, having eaten from different countries, and then placed in contemporary finishes for the US market.

There are other Calma trademarks: considered a design look-alike, a minimalist and system suggestive of a building design done in finished wood, and the marble staircase that slices into the space.

The details of the house have different inspirations. He cites the vintage Carlo Moller glass-topped table with skeletal legs that gave him the idea of imposing structural elements.

The staircase was his interpretation of Dutch graphic designer M. C. Escher's visual perception. Whether you look at the staircase right side or upside down, the staircase looks as if you can ascend or descend on both sides of the stairs.

In the Museum Gallery in Washington, Chinese architect Li Li built a vertical space, devoted to artwork that intersected three floors. The piece could be viewed on any of the floors. Calma's design idea of creating an art wall that spans the second and third floors and across the hallway on the top level.

Eco-friendly

Calma has been conscious about infusing eco-friendly elements such as natural bamboo flooring, the eco-friendly and allow for cross ventilation.

"The master bedroom like an

He calls this three-level 388-sq m structure his 'sliced house'—rectangles connected like bricks where you can see all the spaces on every floor



KENNETH Calma's design concept is slicing the house into three levels, creating a 'sliced house'—rectangles connected like bricks where you can see all the spaces on every floor

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CALMA designed the interior spaces that echo his collection, among them eco-friendly, the father's office and an installation of art by Judd.



CONCEPTS SU DOKU

Concepts Sudoku By Dave Fawcett

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Tips and programs on www.sudoku.com

Answers to previous puzzles

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Bring 'thank you' back into your life

A friend who recently got married could not send out thank-you cards because she received several gifts that were unsigned.

By Liz S. Bernstein

THE ART of saying "thanks you" is as sophisticated as it is simple. But even we have just finished the gift-giving frenzy of the holiday season, and of course Christmas Eve, it is an opportunity time to discuss your thanks.

The art of saying "thank you" seems to have disappeared. Try to be conscious today as you go about your tasks, and make a mental note to yourself each time you hear the words "thank you." You may be surprised to see that it is often as you expect. There, many gifts received this last holiday season have you given thanks for?

MODERN MANNERS

As all grow up with the customary thank-you cards, it is always a pleasure to receive a handwritten thank-you note. But in this modern age, there are many other ways to say thank you besides the thank-you note. A simple phone call will suffice. This will be a great way to keep in touch with a friend or relative who has taken the time to send you a gift for the holidays.

A text message will work, as well. Simply saying "thanks for your thoughtful" will surely be appreciated by any recipient. Even a Facebook message works.

In short, there are so many different ways to say thank you. It does not matter how; what matters is that you do.

Teach your children

This is also a pleasure I wish parents would teach their children. Maybe this can serve as a gentle nudge to have your children write, text or call their grandparents who have given them Christmas gifts. Let's not get too fast.

This is simply going beyond being polite, but also instills the value of gratitude.

This is something people commonly overlook, not because they are impulsive, but maybe because they are simply not thinking. Remember, whenever you overlook something, and send something out, it says a lot about who you are to the other person.

For instance, there's ignoring your name. Back in a friend of mine who recently got married couldn't send out thank-you cards because she received several gifts that were unsigned. It happens.

Don't forget to sign your thank-you cards, or be careful not to say thank you for the wrong gift—this is funny, but this has happened to me. Someone sent me a text thanking me for the silver I sent for Christmas, when, in fact, that was a bottle of wine.

Remember, what you do will always reflect who you are, so pay attention to details.

Going beyond gifts, the art of "thank you" can be integrated into our everyday lives, and this is where the unexpected possibilities take place, going beyond etiquette.

Start a gratitude journal. Make a habit of being thankful for three random and small things that happened in your life for the day. Keep a special notebook for this.

Bring the art of saying "thank you" back into your life, back into the every day. It gives the sense of gratitude. Not only is it the polite thing to do, but you will find you will cherish a little happier every day.

For questions on etiquette and manners, e-mail the author at modernmanners@q1.com.

Do-it-yourself

Let Aaron Barrows and Marisa Lopez

Fill glass containers with color



DO NOT LEAVE your glass containers empty and gathering dust. Fill them with fresh greens or other colorful vegetables and herbs to give your home a dash of color and interest.

Use an element of surprise when you have guests over. Fill the smaller container with candy with a pump or balls, and perhaps tiny paper bags, set them on a table and let your guests take a little piece of the color into their home.

Or load them with take-home goodies for guests to bring home



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When page 81
shades that release the hot air from the air
or there to outside the windows, the glass
optional off at a higher elevation, he adds,
referring to the windows on the top floor.

The green roof provides a cooling effect.
"When everyone can have something, that's
why others are interested in it," he says.
"It's a great contribution to the world of
the world," he explains.

For green, electrical systems have kept
the lights down to an average of P10,000 a

month, less than what they were paying for
when they lived in a condo.

Calma has beautiful aspects by design
even that are infinitely arranged. From
theater's intricate integrated nature and
arrange, modeled by Design Group,
holds Caribbean style containers. Patricia
Vigilante's dining table has legs shaped like
LM. With that of China Town, Calma
Philippe French chair, Swire's help
chair, La Calma's Art Deco chair
designs in concrete, and Edson Gery's leather
chair (2008) with 30 Calma's
granted again inside containers, Calma's



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Supermarket association seeks solution to 'short-changing'

I WANT to thank the Consumer
Welfare Division of the Department of
Trade and Industry Bureau of Trade
Regulation and Consumer Protection
for sending us a copy of a letter from
Steven T. Case, president of the Philippine
Association of Supermarkets
(PASAP).

The letter was in response to an e-
mail from Mark Sison asking if
there was nothing the DTI could do to
prevent short-changing of consumers
in commercial establishments.

Our local DTI office has had some
time and again with the DTI Bureau
in the Philippines to resolve the short-
age or mislabeling of rates. He
and they would take the issue again
in a meeting scheduled with the DTI
and specifically ask assistance in getting
the price market over P10,000.

He said PASAP members were taking
every possible measure to provide

every change to consumers, even asking
their employees to bring their own
cash and small bills to their places of
work, at going to gas stations and
cheaper groceries store.

Case also suggested that the DTI
strengthen its information campaign
on the value of rates, as many com-
mercial establishments were still using the
cash and just allow them away, he
also asked that consumers themselves
help in resolving the issue by keeping
cash in circulation, instead of keep-
ing and hoarding their funds.

From his letter, it seemed remarkable
to Case's establishment at least, at
though he did not mention which in-
formation he was connected with,
they were taking every step possible
to address the issue and small bills
they needed to give consumers the
right change.

But a major chain, it seems, could

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Consumers
themselves can help
resolve the issue
by keeping coins
in circulation

and save less. Its cashiers do not even
apologize when your change is 25
centavo less.

Slower than the wind
I received a letter by registered mail
from the office of the city manager of

Manila on Feb. 3, it said property
values had been raised. But the rates
were less shocking than the fact that
the letter was dated Dec. 17, 2010.

I was about to ask him to stop
for the assembly meeting session
and I noted that the letter was po-
sted Jan. 28, I had not been in the
Manila City Hall, so I do not know
how for the mayor's office to bring
the poor office, barely the two offices
could not be that the rates were still
there, it would take two months to mail
letters.

I am tempted to speculate that the
delay was deliberate or property man-
agers would not be able to pay the new
valuation in time and, thus, would
have to pay fines.

Feedback
In response to the question of
Positive Things Media, and re-
ceipts include the dates involved

and even the writing time. They look
just like the receipts issued by com-
mercial establishments.

Whether or not the receipts were in
General Santos, most stores could not
give them change.

And de Leon says the Last
Transportation and Parking Regu-
lation Board would hurry up with
the new rates. He said the new rates
were more than enough to pay the
new rates, based on the old rates. As
such, commercial establishments,
some drivers because the lack of coins
as an excuse for collecting more than
the correct fare.

Sent letters to the Consumer
Welfare Division, Philippines, Inc.,
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Mindanao welcomes the indies

By Rapun San Diego Jr.

IT'S QUITE appropriate that Zamboanga City was chosen as the first stop in this journey for the independent filmmakers who are participating in the Sining Foundation, which opens today and concludes Feb. 23.

One of the nine films in the screenings being held in Mindanao City is "Takas," directed by Zamboanga resident Shara Doran. Doran's film, shot in Mindanao, was best film and director in last year's CineMindanao and recently brought home the Special Merit prize from the Sergio yery of the 10th Berlin International Film Festival (Picture stands out Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema).

Brando Santos, head of the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) which sponsors the event, told the audience that Shara Doran's "Takas" is a personal statement for "Takas".

"There's a great sense of pride for 'Takas' because the director and his staff are Zamboanga," said Santos. "Major Lobregat wants to encourage future productions in the Zamboanga language, too."

Santos reiterated that the Sining Foundation doesn't aim to "make a distinction between commercial and indie films."

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From page 1

Erika Yon, *Times*, began an extended last week that took who was in "Times, the Age Main," would be next. **AP**

Top of the Talk Shows

For those who missed last week's TV guide, here's why we are so excited. If we are wrong:

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JENNIFER LAYTON

2ND WEEK

THE BIBLE WARNED ABOUT END OF DAYS
WHEN DEMONS WILL BOMB THE EARTH
TO TAKE THE SOULS OF SINNERS.

VANISHING ON 7TH STREET

DARKNESS FALLS DEMONS WILL RISE



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Netbooks with more graphics power

By Rappler Staff

NETI would always be chosen the standard definition of the netbook, a miniaturized laptop intended for web browsing and non-demanding PC tasks.

But PC makers are now on capturing a wider market for the netbook as they

incorporate some of their netbook products with non-Atom processors.

Samsung's PC chip maker, Infineon Technologies (INF) recently unveiled a new low-power processor called the C-50 for netbooks and laptops. The dual-core chip has a TDP of just 7.5Watts, which is comparable to the TDP of Intel Atom N550.

The big difference is that the C-50, an embedded device and part of the AMD's

new Fusion Family, also features high-performance ATI Radeon HD graphics on

the same chip.

Similar to Intel's upcoming Sandy Bridge CPU, Infineon's architecture that

combines both its graphics engine into the processor's, AMD's Fusion Family offers

significant focus on the multi-media and video rendering capability of the CPU.

Infineon's Fusion APUs already incorporate a multi-core CPU, DirectX 11 discrete

video (Sandy Bridge supports only DirectX

10.1) and parallel processing engine, a

dedicated Universal Video Decoder 3

(UVD3) HEVC video acceleration block, and a

high-speed bus for encrypting data between

the APUs cores.

Ideal for netbook use, the AMD Fusion

also consumes less power and produces

higher battery life.

Recently Acer launched the Aspire One

522, a netbook that is powered by the

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Positioned as a mini laptop powered net

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Consumers dictate the looks and features of a PC

By Rappler/PC Source

EXCEEDS reality: the look and looks of PCs, which have been lately experiencing rapid transformations and improvements to become devices that really reflect the needs of the user.

According to Lenovo/Philippines' country manager Michael Higin, the success of brand names like PCs, which now produce many PC models and such names, indicates that buyers are getting smarter and require more from PCs. They're not just looking for speed and performance, mobility factors, but good and pretty designs, as well as the reliability of the brand.

Consumers' PC-like laptops and laptop monitors are really concerned about the looks, and, indeed, apart from ease of use and the price of the device, besides mobile convenience.



ThinPad Edge supports the G-Series.

of PC buyers' habits, according to Higin, is the presence of a male influence—particularly members who accompany their children to PC shops. Higin said the female influence in PC purchase of a person is significant.

For example, the success of Lenovo's Edge 3 series of laptops, which are relatively new in the market, can be attributed to female preference since the laptops come in pretty colors of pink and white, says Higin. Lenovo's Edge 3 13-inch 3 series laptop, which comes in pink and white, has been experiencing break sales among the female set.

Higin says PC models, like Lenovo, which sold to women, are now getting into the consumer space more so in terms of performance as well as computing power. Higin says PC models, like Lenovo, which sold to women, are now getting into the consumer space more so in terms of performance as well as computing power.

Higin also attributes the success of Lenovo's consumer presence from the establishment of concept stores that provided buyers with actual products that they can touch, test and receive further. Concept stores also serve as a wealth of information to PC buyers as the sales staff so-called men about the products.

Lenovo now has 12 concept stores, which include the newly opened ones in Calabarzon and the company plans to put more on the future.

Concept stores also demonstrate PC models and convergence PC products to serve as a demand. Apart from the brand of laptops and desktops, Lenovo's success is attributed to ThinPad Edge laptops that cater to the G-Series or middle-class business.

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Concept stores also demonstrate PC models and convergence PC products to serve as a demand. Apart from the brand of laptops and desktops, Lenovo's success is attributed to ThinPad Edge laptops that cater to the G-Series or middle-class business.

The example, says ThinPad Edge 17, which is a larger level of laptop than ordinary

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VAIO E: Express your individuality

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Western Digital gives local market a taste of its latest home network drive

WESTERN DIGITAL, a world leader in storage solutions, has recently introduced its latest home network drive, the WD My Cloud. The WD My Cloud is a new line of home network drives that is designed to provide a secure and reliable way to store and share your data. The WD My Cloud is a new line of home network drives that is designed to provide a secure and reliable way to store and share your data.

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LG Optimus Pad debuts at MWC

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PLDT's Negosyo Boost connects SMEs online

It is an increasingly interconnected world. Many businesses have branched their wings to the Internet to help their businesses flourish.

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Through Negosyo Boost, SMBs can receive a number of services that include broadband internet connectivity and landline phone connected with devices such as mobile, printers and scanners.

"The Negosyo Boost package is designed to help SMEs stay level of growth," said PLDT senior vice president Rex R. Araya.

He said that Negosyo Boost today need more than data connection and land work to succeed. Internet connectivity and other communications technologies have become essential.

"The Negosyo Boost communication technology is ideal for start-up and expanding SMBs as it provides business with a safe and reliable internet connectivity and other communications technologies have become essential."

The Negosyo Boost package designed for the varying needs of SMBs: Negosyo Boost Launch, Negosyo Boost Connect, Negosyo Boost Share Link, and Negosyo Boost for Home.

Araya added that businesses today do not live solely on traditional marketing campaigns and branding. Many have gone digital with social networking and other web-based marketing. Thanks to the advancement of the Internet, business can have a global perspective.

"These business are great for start-up and expanding SMBs and they are ideal of digital age."

the best Negosyo Boost package that suits their business needs," said PLDT Senior Vice President and Head Rex R. Araya.

The Negosyo Boost Connect offers a 50% connection of up to 2 Mbps and a PLDT business line. This package is suitable for small offices, small shops, and even up to shops that need affordable high-speed internet for their expanding business at just P2,366 a month.

The Negosyo Boost Launch includes a 50% connection of up to 1 Mbps, a PLDT business line, a website, and a private IP address that enables inter-business connectivity for those with multiple offices, restaurants, hotels, coffee shops and multi-story houses. This package is the best choice with the broadest use of services.

The Negosyo Boost Connect Anywhere enables SMBs with mobile to use the Internet, even for companies, or even with high-speed wireless Internet connectivity. This package offers Internet connectivity of up to 3.5 Mbps and a website 20 times at only P1,600 a month.



Brother's Trade-In Madness goes South

BROTHER International Philippines' semi-annual campaign of trading old printers for a new one that can be purchased at 50% price discount has begun. This time, the trade-in Madness goes South.

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